Central Pollution Control Board

956. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Pollution Control Board has served notices to hundreds of large and medium units for contravention of the Environment (Protection) Act of 1986;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what further action Government propose and contemplating against those units for not following the directives of the Board?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) The Central Pollution Control Board instructed the State Pollution Control Boards to issue directions to the industries which are not conforming to the standards. The State Pollution Control Boards directed the polluting industries to submit a time-bound action plan for control of pollution. The States have prepared a status of compliance for all the major and medium category of industries on the 17 highly polluting sectors.

(c) The Government have proposed the followng actions against the polluting industries:—

(i) The industries which have commenced production on or before 16th May, 1981 and has shown adequate proof of at-least commencement of physical work for establishment of facilities to meet the specified standards within a time-bound programme, to the satisfaction of the concerned State Pollution Control Board, shall comply with such standards latest by the 31st December, 1993.

(ii) The industries which have commenced production after the 16th day of May, 1981 but before the 31st December, 1991 and has shown adequate proof of atleast commencement of physical work for establishment of facilities to meet the specified standards within a time-bound programme, to the satisfaction of the concerned State Pollution Control Board, shall comply with such standards latest by the 31st day of December, 1992.

Controlling vehicular pollution

957. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have Government taken in respect of controlling vehicular pollution which has been estimated at 865 tonnes per day in Delhi;

(b) what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government have examined the possibility of controlling vehicular pollution with Methanol and Ethanol instead of diesel, if so, with what results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) The steps taken by the Government to check vehicular pollution in Delhi include the following:—

(1) Gross emission standards for all types of on the road vehicles have been notified, under the Motor Vehicles Rules 1989, and these have come into force from March 1, 1990.

(2) The Ministry of Surface Transport have advised the various State Transport Directorates including Directorate of Transport, Delhi Administration to enforce the gross emission standards.

(3) Every manufacturer of Motor Vehicle is required to submit the prototype of the vehicles manufactured for test by an agency specified by the Government, and give a certificate of conformity of production on the compliance of the provisions of the Rules including emission standards. The provision has come into force from April 1, 1991.

(4) The mass emission standards for vehicles have been notified under the Motor Vehicles Rules 1989. The standards for petrol driven vehicles have come into force from April 1, 1991 and the standards for diesel driven vehicles